

**Early Response To Final Office Action**

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For: A MEANS OF MITIGATING DENIAL OF  
SERVICE ATTACKS ON IP  
FRAGMENTATION IN HIGH  
PERFORMANCE IPSEC GATEWAYS

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

The following is in response to the Final Office Action dated March 18, 2009, finally rejecting claims 1-82 and 84:

**The Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 22 of this paper.